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The Honorable Chairman and Members of the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission 465 South King Street Kekuanaoa Building, Room 103 Honolulu, HI 96813

Attention: Michael Azama, Esq.

Re: Docket No. 2009-0048 - Molokai Public Utilities

Response to PUC-IR-106

Dear Commissioners and Commission Staff:

Pursuant to an informal agreement with the Division of Consumer Advocacy ("CA"), Molokai Public Utilities, Inc. ("MPU") agreed with the CA to commence discovery prior to the period for intervention. During this period, the CA submitted and MPU responded to three sets of informal Information Requests ("IRs").

Subsequent to the Commission's issuance of an order approving the County of Maui, West Molokai Association, and Stand for Water as intervenors and Molokai Properties Limited as a party, the parties agreed to a schedule of proceedings as part of a proposed Stipulated Procedural Order. Because (a) MPU's responses to the CA's IRs were informal and not necessarily in the "standard" format and (b) several of the responses to the IRs provided were confidential, MPU proposed that it would file its IR responses issued by the parties, including the CA, on Monday, November 23, 2009, on the assumption a Protective Order would have been approved by the Commission by that time.

On November 10, 2009, the Commission issued PUC-IR-106. PUC-IR-106 requests that MPU promptly compile and produce the CA's informal IRs and MPU's responses thereto. Based on the schedule of proceedings which the Commission approved as part of the Procedural Order on November 6, 2009, MPU will formally file its responses to the CA's informal IRs on November 23, 2009.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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